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Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

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Humanitarian assistance and reconstruction for the Philippines

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 60/195 and 60/196, both of 22 December 2005,

Reiterating its concern over the unpredictable manner in which natural hazards occur and the need for the United Nations system to respond with impartiality and equality to requests for assistance by Member States,

Deeply concerned by the disastrous consequences of the capsizing of an oil tanker due to weather and sea conditions off the coast of the Philippines,

Aware that the geographical features and location of the Philippines make it prone to natural and man-made disasters,

Conscious of the extensive losses sustained by the people and ecology in the affected areas,

Acknowledging the timely assistance extended by the Government of Australia and the United Nations system and other international organizations, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and the International Maritime Organization,

Noting the immediate response by the Government of the Philippines to this ecological disaster and the consequent straining of its resources in the massive clean-up operations that were needed,

1. *Expresses its solidarity* with and support to the Government and people of the Philippines;

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2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government of Australia and the United Nations system and other international organizations, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and the International Maritime Organization for their timely assistance;

3. *Calls upon* the international community to provide assistance in response to the flash appeal by the Philippines for help to the country in its clean-up drive;

4. *Appeals* to all Member States and all other United Nations organs and bodies, as well as international financial institutions and development agencies, to provide support and assistance in a timely and sustained manner to the disaster risk reduction, post-disaster recovery, rehabilitation processes and clean-up efforts in the affected communities within the framework of General Assembly resolutions 60/195 and 60/196, both of 22 December 2005, and other multilateral environmental agreements;

5. *Requests* the international community including the relevant organs and organizations of the United Nations system and other multilateral organizations to increase their support and assistance for strengthening the disaster risk management and disaster preparedness capacity of the Philippines;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, at the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2007, on the collaborative effort referred to in paragraph 4 above and the progress made in the relief, rehabilitation and clean-up efforts in the affected communities.